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PSC DISMISSES WATER COMPLAINTS

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission has determined that complaints brought by eight individuals against Folsom Ridge, LLC and the Big Island Homeowners Water & Sewer Association, Inc., should be dismissed because the Commission lacks jurisdiction in the matter. The Commission's vote was 3-2.

The complaints had alleged that Folsom Ridge, LLC, a property development company, was illegally operating a water and sewer system providing service to the public without a Public Service Commission certificate of public convenience and necessity. The complaints also alleged that the Big Island Homeowners Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was merely a captive entity doing the bidding of Folsom Ridge.

Based upon a review of the evidence in the case, the Commission stated it lacked jurisdiction in the matter based upon the determination that neither the developer (Folsom Ridge, LLC) nor the current homeowners association (Big Island Homeowners Water and Sewer Association, Inc.) fall under the definition of a public utility.

"Substantial and competent evidence in the record establishes that service is only offered to individuals that have paid tap-on fees for access and who have become members of the Association. Thus, while the water and sewer systems are available to all current Island residents, and to potential future Island residents, they are only being offered on an optional basis to a discrete group of people (members of the Association), not the general public," the Commission said.

Big Island is located in Camden County near Roach, Missouri.

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Case Nos. WC-2006-0082, el al, & WO-2007-0277.